

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Reiner HAMMERICH et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2192
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Application No.: 10/676,825	)	Examiner: Dao, T.
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Filed: September 30, 2003	)	
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For: VALIDATING PROGRAMS	)	Confirmation No.: 3059

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Applicants files this Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination following a final Office Action mailed June 18, 2008, the period for response to which has been extended through November 18, 2008, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.